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Suction Inlet Unit and Electric Vacuum Cleaner

described and claimed in International Application number PCT/JP2004/009795 filed July 9, 2004  
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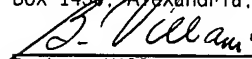
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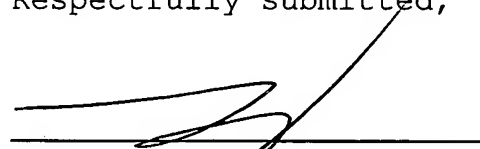
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